

WASHINGTON AND
LEE TRUSTEESFaculty Reception and Band
Concert Features of the
Morning.

ANNUAL MEETING OF ALUMNI

Captain Bob Lee Made President,
and Delivered Address Be-
fore Association.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LEXINGTON, Va., June 19.—The board of trustees of Washington and Lee began their annual meeting at the university this morning, and they are still in session. So far only routine business has been transacted. The faculty held a reception at noon in Newcomb Hall, in honor of visitors.

A delightful band concert was held on the campus at 11 o'clock.

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association was held this afternoon at 5 o'clock, presided over by Paul M. Penick, of Lexington, the president. Steps were taken to secure a future commencement a larger attendance of the alumni.

M. P. Burke, W. M. Dunlap, of Lexington, and James Fishburn, of Roanoke, were appointed a committee to prepare suitable resolutions on the death of Ernest D. Kruttschnitt, a prominent alumnus, who died recently in New Orleans.

The following officers were elected: Colonel H. E. Lee, Jr., of Fairfax county, Va., president; Mike Woods, of Martinsburg, W. Va., first vice-president; W. W. Dunlap, of Lexington, second vice-president; D. C. Humphreys, of Lexington, secretary; W. M. McElree, of Lexington, treasurer.

The address before the Alumni Association to-night at 9 o'clock was delivered by Colonel R. E. Lee, Jr., B. L. 182. His theme was "The Truth of History." The address was eloquent and entertaining.

The presentation of the Pinkney prize cup to the "Harry Lees," the winners in the boat race of yesterday, was a feature.

The alumni smoker took place to-night, beginning at 10 o'clock. The refreshments were elegant, and the speeches were good, and a large crowd was present.

To-morrow is graduation day, with an address by Senator E. W. Carmack, of Tennessee, and a portrait of General G. W. C. Lee, president emeritus of the University, will be presented to the University.

CROUCH DISMISSED.

Jury Renders Verdict of Not
Guilty in Serious Charge.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WEST POINT, Va., June 19.—At a special term of the Circuit Court of King William county yesterday, Edward Crouch, imprisoned for an accusation for attempted arson, was found "not guilty." Crouch was accused of having set fire to the house of his father-in-law with intent to burn his father-in-law, family and his own wife and child.

On circumstantial evidence he was accused, arrested and lodged in the West Point jail, all in one hour's time. A preliminary trial, at which he was sent on to the grand jury and lodged, in the meantime, in the county jail at King William courthouse. Yesterday the case was argued by Mr. Herbert J. Lewis, prosecuting attorney, and Messrs. A. Julian Bagby, of West Point, and Douglas Mitchell, of King and Queen county, for the defense. Judge Jones presided. The case was argued all day; nine instructions were offered and admitted—seven by the defense and two by the Commonwealth.

The case was given to the jury at half-past seven o'clock. The verdict "not guilty" was rendered before nine o'clock. Mr. Crouch was originally from King and Queen county.

WOODLAWN SEMINARY.

The Baccalaureate Sermon by
Rev. Geo. W. McDaniel.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

GORDONSVILLE, Va., June 19.—The commencement exercises of Woodlawn Seminary, the leading boarding school of this town, began to-day with the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. George W. McDaniel, of Richmond.

The school formed at the seminary at 8 P. M. and marched to the Methodist Church. The church was tastefully decorated with flags, palms, cut flowers and ribbons.

The programme consisted of an opening hymn, "Praise Ye the Lord," rendered by the school; prayer by Rev. W. J. Hall; solo, "Angel Voices Ever Near," by Mr. C. Baker, a musical graduate of the seminary, whose voice is especially clear, sweet and well modulated; Scripture reading by Rev. W. T. Wingfield; Kipling's "Recessional," rendered by the school, Miss Agnes Bookham, a musical graduate, presided at the organ.

Rev. J. O. Babcock introduced the Rev. Geo. W. McDaniel, who took as his subject, "The One Thing I Do." The distinguished divine was greeted with a fine audience and his discourse was well received and listened to with the closest attention, and pronounced one of the finest ever delivered from the present pulpit.

The exercises closed with a duet, "Emmanuel's Land," very sweetly sung by Miss Agnes Bookham and Miss Katherine Scott, and accompanied on the organ by Miss Rae Black. These three young ladies are musical graduates of the school.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. McDaniel.

The graduates of this season in the

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academic department are Mr. Robert Wilson, and Misses Mary Hall, Norah Bolly, Sherred, Marshall, Edna, Faber, and yq'arCAoperated. y'fMared nif faw Margie Martin, and Miss Mary Hall, graduates in music.

The art exhibit takes place in the studio Tuesday afternoon; senior class day exercises, Wednesday night; undergraduate recital, Thursday night; commencement, Friday night.

The address to the class will be made by Professor Bruce R. Payne, of the University of Virginia.

A STRAY BALL.

Series of Crimes in North Carolina
Cause Call for Bloodhounds.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SUFFOLK, Va., June 19.—W. A. Lott, representing the American Box Company, of Baltimore, came near being the innocent cause of harm in a peculiar accident at Gumberry, N. C., last night. While in his room at the Bradley House cleaning a pistol, which had not been fired for some months, the weapon was discharged. The bullet went through the wall of his room across the hotel corridor through another wall and into the room occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ira M. Phillips.

The hall passed between Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, who were sleeping in front of a mirror, crashed through a vase, broke the mirror and buried itself into the window facing.

A series of crimes in Eastern North Carolina last night brought hurry calls for bloodhounds to-day, and Hurricane Branch this afternoon left for a section with his dogs and a special train.

There are reported an incendiary fire at Sunbury, a home burglary at Littleton and a store burglary at Winton. Firebugs several times sought to burn out one Elliott at Sunbury, and last night were successful. Mr. Higgins, of Littleton, is said to have been robbed \$500.

SAFELY IN JAIL.

Negro Hurried from Scene of
Usual Crime to Prevent Lynching.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, Va., June 19.—Ned Bryant, colored, in jail here, charged with attempted criminal assault on a colored woman, the little six-year-old daughter of Mr. Reese Evans, in Campbell county. The officers arrested him yesterday afternoon and arrived with his prisoner at the Lynchburg jail at midnight.

As the news spread, people from the county round about Rustburg began to come into the town, and in view of the intense feeling aroused by the story of the brutal attempt, it was deemed best to bring Bryant to the Lynchburg jail for safe-keeping.

The charge against Bryant is that about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon he attempted the assault in the stable at the home of the girl's uncle, E. W. Evans, at Rustburg, where she was visiting, the negro threatening to cut her throat if she made an outcry. The child screamed, however, and the negro fled, but was pursued and captured by Sheriff Perrow in a short while.

He was given a hearing immediately before Justice Withers and was sent on to the Campbell county grand jury.

THE PRESIDENT BACK.

Dr. J. M. McBryde Returns from
Jamaica Full of Health.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHRISTIANBURG, Va., June 19.—Dr. J. M. McBryde, president of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, reported at Blacksburg this morning, after a sojourn of some six months on the island of Jamaica, to which place he went to recuperate his health. Dr. McBryde returned greatly improved in health and is able again to take up actively his duties as president and will press them with his accustomed vigor.

CLUMSY FORGER.

Raised a Wag Check and Ar-
rested for the Crime.

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TEN THOUSAND FOR A
NATIONAL BOULEVARDThe Wheat Crop is Good Quality,
but Growth Not
Heavy.

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FREDERICKSBURG, Va., June 19.—The army appropriation bill, which has passed Congress, carries with it an appropriation of \$10,000 for widening and improving the National Boulevard, in this city. Senator Martin asked for this purpose, which was granted by the Senate, but the money was made to \$10,000 by the Military Committee of the House.

Wheat harvest has commenced in this section, but has been greatly interfered with by the rains. The bulk of the crop will be cut this week. The quality is good, but the growth is not heavy.

Senator Martin has secured a reference to the Court of Claims of the following claims for damages to property during the Civil War: Fredericksburg Masonic Lodge, No. 4, \$2,000; Massena Baptist Church, Spotsylvania county, \$500; Berea Christian Church, Spotsylvania Countyhouse, \$1,000.

Mrs. Anna E. Rowe has purchased of Mr. B. S. Bates two dwelling houses on Hanover street.

Rev. S. P. DeVault, of Charlottesville, has accepted a call to Jerusalem Church, in Richmond county.

Rev. Luke White has resigned as rector of Warsaw Parish, in Richmond county.

The Baptist Church at Orange Courthouse has extended a call to Rev. W. E. Flannagan, who has accepted, and in order to do so, resigned two charges—in Orange county and the other in Loudoun county.

Rev. Stockard, Cole, of Remington, has been called as supply to Nebo Baptist Church, at Rapidan.

The pension of David Lindsey, a Federal soldier of this city, has been advanced by Congress to \$30 per month. Mr. Lindsey is an old man and totally blind.

Lightning has done great damage in lower Fauquier county recently, killing some valuable stock—horses, cattle and mules—and setting several barns on fire.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL.

Building Under Contract—Sales
of Lots for Residences.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHESTER, Va., June 19.—The contract for building the High School here has been awarded to J. H. Boyd & Brother, who have contracted to have the building completed by the first of September. The school trustees have made a deal with Mr. James R. Werth, of Richmond, for a lot adjoining the present school lot, and with this lot the town will have ample room for all school purposes and needs for the future. All arrangements will soon be completed for the work to begin.

The structure for the Chesterfield County Bank has been raised, and that building will soon be completed.

Mr. James L. Sneed closed a deal here yesterday for a lot on Richmond street, and a new residence is expected soon to be erected by Mr. Cornell, of Richmond.

With the opening of streets, the clearing of lots, and the erection of public buildings for the lot on Richmond street, advanced, and will soon be quite a revenue to the county's treasury.

The "Chester Glee Club" will meet this evening at Mr. T. H. Friend's.

A singular stroke of lightning found the residence of Mr. Louis Boyd last Sunday night. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd were startled by a sudden peal of thunder, and Mr. Boyd being of opinion that the lightning struck the house, Mr. Boyd began to search the house for signs of damage.

He looked the rooms and closets over, fearing a fire, and when he reached the sitting-room below, found that the carpet had been ripped from the foot of the stove about a yard in length and folded over, the floor scorched underneath about the same distance, and the newspaper lining torn and scattered over the floor.

The lightning had come down the flue and the stove-pipe, but left no fire.

FELL UNDER TRAIN.

Cleveland Hall Loses a Leg and
Dies from the Injury.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

STUART, Va., June 19.—It was a distressing accident, which occurred a few days ago, at Kibler, Va., the terminal of the Mount Airy and Eastern Railroad, which cost Cleveland Hall his life. The train was in charge of Captain Charlie Taylor, who was preparing to leave Kibler on its return to Mt. Airy, N. C., and was doing the shifting necessary to make up the train. Young Hall was the brakeman on the train and in an attempt to board the tender, he fell in motion, lost his balance and fell under it, the rear wheels passing over his right leg, terribly crushing the thigh and knee, and the great toe of his left foot entirely mashed off.

Dr. W. S. Taylor, of Mt. Airy, N. C., attended by Dr. E. W. Allred, amputated the limb at the thigh, and he was taken to the left foot. The patient seemed to stand the ordeal finely, but died Friday.

Hon. J. M. Hooker and S. A. Thompson left on the noon train to-day for Roanoke, to attend the Federal Court to defend W. H. Overby on a charge of defrauding the government by charging for more mileage than he was entitled to under the statute.

It is reported that the heavy rains in this section has damaged the wheat crop considerably.

HONORS TO PRESIDENT.

Reception to Dr. Mary Benedict,
New Head of Sweetbrier.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

AMHERST, Va., June 19.—The Misses Jones and Dr. J. M. McBride and wife, together with a reception at Sweetbrier, institute this afternoon in honor of Dr. Mary J. Benedict, the newly-elected president of that institution. Twenty-five or thirty guests from Amherst and the surrounding country were present.

The spacious rooms of the Sweetbrier were thrown open to the guests. Refreshments were served. Dr. Benedict has made an excellent impression already on the people who have met her.

FISHER AND GOULD
COMPROMISE SUITBelieved That Passenger and
Power Property Will Soon Pass
Out of Receiver's Hands.

GAS EXPLODES IN CELLAR

The Methodist Female Orphan
Asylum Officers Elected.
New Vagrancy Law.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PETERSBURG, Va., June 19.—It is understood on the best authority that the main issue in the famous Fisher-Gould controversy, the question of the validity of the printed bonds of the Southside Railway and Development Company, has been compromised. The terms of the compromise have not been made public, but it is believed that the arrangement will lead to the settlement of the minor points at issue, and the early removal of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company from the hands of receivers.

The disputed bonds, amounting to three hundred thousand dollars, were issued before the Southside Railway and Development Company, owning the street car system of Petersburg, came under the control of the Goulds, with the Virginia Passenger and Power Company, and a large portion of the bonds was held by George E. Fisher, of New York, and by several Petersburg financiers, who claimed payment for the securities when Frank Gould acquired the Petersburg street railway. The Goulds denied the validity of these printed bonds, and so well known suit of George E. Fisher, Philip Rogers, Charles Hall Davis and others against the Virginia Passenger and Power Company, controlled by Gould, was brought to establish their validity.

Judge Kullen, of the Petersburg Corporation Court, confirmed the validity of the bonds, his decision being recently affirmed by the Supreme Court of Virginia.

GAS EXPLOSION.

A gas explosion in the cellar of B. Siebberg's clothing store, at Sycamore and Bollingbrook streets, this morning caused a fire that was soon extinguished by the department, with little harm resulting from the flames; the stock, however, being considerably damaged by smoke. The explosion occurred while a gas company man was examining the pipes in the cellar. The sudden blaze singed his hair and eyebrows, but he was unharmed. The fire loss is covered by insurance.

The Board of Trustees of the Methodist Female Orphan Asylum has re-elected all the officers, as follows: President, William T. Parham; Vice-President, J. P. Williamson; Treasurer, Richard A. Harrison. The institution is flourishing, and during the past year the building has been practically renewed, among the improvements being an excellently equipped room for hospital work.

NEW VAGRANCY LAW.

The new vagrancy law is being enforced by the police, and a number of negroes were fined and sent to jail by the Mayor this morning for idleness and dissoluteness.

Robert Traynor, the negro porter, sentenced to one year in the penitentiary for stealing cotton from a Petersburg commission house, and pardoned by Governor Stanton last evening, on petition of a number of Petersburg merchants, was at once released from jail.

SUMMIT FIRE.

Fine Residence on the Blue
Ridge Destroyed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LEESBURG, Va., June 19.—The residence of Mr. J. A. Truesdale, of the Washington Post, located on the Blue Ridge summit, near Blumount, Loudoun county, was destroyed by fire last night. Its origin is unknown, and the loss is about \$5,000, including a large and valuable library. This summer home was one of many others in that locality owned by wealthy Washingtonians and was near the site of "Johannesburg," the summer residence of Mr. Frank G. Carpenter, the noted news correspondent.

STREET PAVING.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WILLIAMSBURG, Va., June 19.—The City Council met last night and awarded the contract for new pavement to W. H. Sweeney & Son, at \$1.22 per square yard. About 5,000 or 6,000 square yards will be put down.

THEY LAUGHED

At the Arguments on the Packages.

The husband of an Ohio woman brought home some packages of nuts one evening, and there was much discussion, but let her tell the story.

"Two years ago I was thin and sickly, and suffered so from indigestion, was very nervous, and could not sleep at night. I was not physically or mentally to perform my duties, and was constantly under the care of my physician. I had tried plain living and all the different remedies recommended by friends, but got no better.

One day my husband brought home two yellow boxes and said, 'The doctor wants us to try this food and report how we like it. He thinks it will help you.' I read all it said on the boxes about Grape-Nuts, and I remember how I laughed at it for I thought it foolish to think food could help me. But the next meal we all ate some with cream. We liked and enjoyed the deliciously crisp and new flavor, so we kept on using Grape-Nuts, not because we thought it would cure me, but because we liked it.

At that time we had no idea what the results would be, but now I am anxious to have the world know that to-day I feel a well and strong woman physically and mentally. I gained over 80 pounds, do not suffer from any of the old ills, and I know that it is Grape-Nuts alone that I owe my restored health. They call me 'Grape Nuts' here in the home, and all of my friends have asked me the cause of it all. I have persuaded several of them to use Grape-Nuts, and every one of them who has done so has been benefited, and I wish it were in my power to induce every one who is sick to give this wonderful food a trial. We all have Grape-Nuts three times a day, and never tire of it." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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The bride entered with her brother, Mr. William Nicholas Ewing. The officiating clergyman was Rev. Dr. Henry Waddell Pratt, of Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Symonds left for an extended trip to Canada, after which they will return to New York city, where they will make their home.

The bride is a great granddaughter of

FOLLOWS EXAMPLE
OF MISS GOULDJohn D. Rockefeller the Donor of
a Quarter Million to Naval
Y. M. C. A.

HEAVY OWNER IN TIDEWATER

Kansas to Send Special Repre-
sentative to James-
town.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, Va., June 19.—John D. Rockefeller, it has been developed, is the giver of the quarter of a million dollars for a home in Norfolk for the naval branch of the Young Men's Christian Association. Known to be of philanthropic proclivities, with a preference for institutions of learning, it was not once guessed that Mr. Rockefeller was the donor of the magnificent sum, and the announcement here that he had made the gift was a surprise, but none the less gratifying.

Mr. Rockefeller's heavy and probably controlling interest in the Tidewater Railroad, it is thought, has stimulated his interest in Norfolk.

The story of the gift, as coming from New York, the financier's headquarters, is as follows:

Following the example of Miss Helen Miller Gould, who gave the building near the navy yard in Brooklyn for the use of the naval branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, John D. Rockefeller, just before sailing for Europe three weeks ago, gave \$250,000 for the erection of a similar building and its full equipment near the navy yard at Norfolk, Va. In order to obtain the desired site, the gift has been kept a secret until to-day, when, at the local offices of the naval branch, at No. 4 West Twenty-ninth Street, it was officially announced.

According to Mr. Tichenor, assistant secretary of the naval branch, Mr. Rockefeller became interested in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association three years ago, and has made several gifts which have not been generally known. When it was brought to his attention that the quarters of the naval branch at Norfolk were too small and had been outgrown by the work, Mr. Rockefeller came forward promptly with the amount necessary to build and equip a proper structure.

SELF SUPPORTING.

Since the branch was established at Norfolk several years ago, Miss Gould has materially aided the home for the sailors there. The gift of Mr. Rockefeller will construct a building that will be nearly self-supporting, and in some respects better equipped than the well-known home of the branch near the Brooklyn navy yard.

At the cramped quarters in the two dwelling houses used in Norfolk last year there were registered 125,000 visiting sailor men. Of which number 9,000 occupied rented beds, and this dormitory feature will be one of the main adjuncts in the new structure; \$45,000 of the wages of the sailors was placed in the safekeeping of the officers of the local institution, and this savings department will be enlarged in the new building.

The particular new feature of the building to be erected in Norfolk will be the gymnasium, which the building in Brooklyn does not contain. While the building and land in Brooklyn cost upward of \$400,000, the lower cost of the site at Norfolk will permit of a building to be erected there which will be on an equal in size and outward appearance.

In charge of the naval work in Norfolk is Mr. J. A. Leisenbittel, the local secretary, and next week International Secretary Muller will come to Norfolk to confer with him as to the time of beginning the plans for the new building. It is believed that it can be completed and ready for occupancy in the fall of next year.

Elated by the gift of Mr. Rockefeller, the naval branch of the Young Men's Christian Association will next week open a home, consisting of two remodeled houses, near the Mare Island navy yard, in Philadelphia.

KANSAS COMING.

Information has just been received at the Jamestown Exposition headquarters that Governor Hock of Kansas has appointed Hon. John E. Frost, of Topeka, one of the best known citizens of the "Sunflower State," as his direct representative to the Jamestown Exposition.

Mr. Frost expects to reach Norfolk about July 1st, and will make an extensive report of the progress of the exposition to Governor Hock, and will, at the same time, arrange for a location for the Kansas State building on the exposition grounds.

GERRYMANDER.

The Administration, or Good Government, faction of the city Democratic party, in accordance with plans previously mapped out, but which were defeated by the passage of the famous Puller bill in the Legislature. They now propose to attack the constitutionality of the Puller bill. Successful in that they would then redistrict the city before the incoming of the new Council and Board of Aldermen.

Mr. C. H. Bull, a member of the Common Council from the Second Ward, and a leading Administrationist, said to-day: "Put to a test, I believe the Puller bill would be found unconstitutional and the city redistricted along reasonable lines."

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